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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH THREE ARMED BANK ROBBERIES

Somphong Manavong, 35, of Madison, Wisconsin, is charged with three armed bank robberies. The indictment alleges that he robbed the Chase Bank on North High Point Road in Madison on April 20, 2006, the Associated Bank on East Washington Avenue in Madison on April 22, 2006, and the Associated Bank on Allen Boulevard in Middleton on April 29, 2006.

If convicted, Manavong faces a maximum penalty of 25 years in federal prison on each count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Madison Police Department, and the Middleton Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Przybylinski Finn.

BELOIT MAN FACES CRACK COCAINE CHARGES

Dion C. Lake, aka "Black," 27, of Beloit, Wisconsin, is charged with two counts of distribution of crack cocaine, and one count of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. The indictment alleges that Lake distributed crack cocaine on May 2, 2006 and December 20, 2006, and that the amount distributed on May 2, 2006 was five grams or more. The indictment further alleges that he possessed crack cocaine with the intent to distribute on January 22, 2007.

If convicted, Lake faces a maximum penalty of not less than five years and nor more than 40 years in federal prison on the distribution count involving five grams or more, and

20 years on each of the other two counts. The charges against the defendant are the result of an investigation conducted by the Rock County Safe Streets Task Force, comprised of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Rock County Sheriff's Department; the Beloit Police Department; the Janesville Police Department; and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. To date, a total of 33 defendants have been convicted of federal drug and gun charges resulting from the Task Force investigations. The prosecution of Dion Lake has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH GUN CRIME

Lazzerick M. Alexander, 26, of Madison, Wisconsin, is charged with being a felon in possession of firearms and ammunition. The indictment alleges that on April 16, 2007, he possessed a .25 caliber pistol and a .38 caliber pistol, and .25 caliber and .38 caliber ammunition.

If convicted, Alexander faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Madison Police Department - West District Community Policing Team. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

JANESVILLE MAN CHARGED WITH DRUG CRIMES

Michael D. Coleman, 19, of Janesville, Wisconsin, is charged in a three-count indictment with distribution of crack cocaine. The indictment alleges that he distributed crack cocaine on November 21, 2006, December 5, 2006, and December 14, 2006. The indictment alleges that the distributions on December 5 and December 14, 2006 involved five grams or more of crack cocaine.

If convicted, Coleman faces a maximum penalty of not less than five years and not more than 40 years in federal prison on each of the two counts involving five grams or more, and 20 years on the other distribution count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Janesville Police Department and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

MAN CHARGED WITH RE-ENTRY AFTER DEPORTATION

Francisco Blanco-Martinez, 31, a citizen of Mexico, who has been living in Madison, Wisconsin, is charged with intentionally entering the United States after previously being deported. The indictment alleges that Blanco-Martinez was found in the United States on May 2, 2007.

If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Grant C. Johnson.

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